

Oakland Scottish Bowling Club

By-Laws and Regulations



Bowling Green and Club House
Lakeside Park, Oakland, Calif.

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OFFICERS FOR 1915-16.

PRESIDENT,
Lester G. Burpee.

VICE-PRESIDENT,	SECRETARY,
Dr. E. R. Sill.	George F. McMath.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Green Managers	Board of Auditors
Lester G. Burpee	Taliesin Evans
Dr. E. R. Sill	Major Henry Hume
George F. McMath	J. Murray Earsman
James P. Taylor	
Major Henry Hume	

Membership Committee.

Robert Dalziel, Jr.	Dr. A. K. Crawford
William Chalmers	

Custodian of Trophies. .The Club President

BOARD OF PARK DIRECTORS

Dr. Samuel H. Buteau, Pres.; Walter
D. Cole, Charles H. Heeseman; Henry
F. Vogt, Sec.; L. S. Kerfoot, Supt.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This club shall be known as "Oakland Scottish Bowling Club" and all business transacted and financial obligations contracted in its interest shall be done under that title and the delegated authority of the club.

Object.

Its object shall be to foster and promote the system of bowling-on-the-green as defined by the rules of the Scottish Bowling Association and such special regulations as it may adopt not in conflict therewith.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

All persons of good repute and social standing shall be eligible to membership.

Every candidate for membership shall be proposed by a member in good standing and recommended by two other members similarly qualified; and such application shall be referred to the membership committee and, if favorably reported on by that committee, his name shall be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board two weeks previous to the date set for balloting thereon.

An entrance fee shall accompany said application, the same being returnable in the event of non-election.

Application for membership shall be voted upon by ballot. Three negative ballots shall be necessary for rejection.

Every member will be expected to possess a set of standard Scottish Bowling Association bowls and such other personal equipment as may be required under club regulations.

Membership shall be divided into three classes, namely, Ordinary Members, who shall be subject to monthly dues and all other financial obligations imposed; Life Members, who shall be exempt from monthly dues only; Honorary Members, who shall be exempt from all financial obligations.

Life membership may be acquired by the payment of \$50.

Honorary membership may be granted by a two-thirds' vote of those members present at an annual or semi-annual meeting, their names having been posted on the clubhouse bulletin board for two weeks previously.

Honorary membership shall not entail the right to vote on any question affecting the club, but shall carry with it all other privileges associated with ordinary membership.

ARTICLE III.

Officers and Standing Committees.

The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer.

Standing committees shall be a Board of Auditors, a Board of Green Managers and a Membership Committee.

The Board of Auditors shall be composed of three non-office-holding members.

The Board of Green Managers shall be composed of the President and four members.

Officers and Board members shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot. Each officer or board manager shall be voted on separately. A majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election. The term of service shall be for one year, but no officer or board member shall be disqualified for re-election.

The Membership Committee shall consist of three members to be appointed by the President annually.

Vacancies in any official position or board membership shall be filled at any regularly called meeting by a majority vote cast.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Officers and Standing Committees.

President and Vice-President.

The President shall preside at all meetings, but he shall not vote on any question before the club, except in the event of a tie vote, when his casting vote shall determine the result.

He shall appoint all special committees and be an ex-officio member thereof.

He shall be the custodian of all club trophies.

In the absence of the President, his duties shall be performed by the Vice-President.

Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the membership, collect all fees, monthly dues and all revenues derivable from other sources and transfer the same monthly to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

He shall notify all members three months in arrears for dues and report in writing at the quarterly meetings of the club all delinquents three months or more in arrears.

At each semi-annual and annual meeting he shall submit a statement of receipts from all sources and payments to the Treasurer and his books and vouchers for examination by the Board of Auditors.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall pay all claims against the club when duly approved by the President or Vice-President.

He shall present a written report at each annual and semi-annual meeting, showing the receipts and disbursements during the preceding six months, and cash on hand, accompanied by vouchers for all payments.

Board of Auditors.

The Board of Auditors shall semi-annually (or whenever directed by a majority vote of members present at a regular or called meeting) be required to audit the reports, vouchers and books of the Secretary and the Treasurer, and report thereon in writing at the meeting of the club next held.

Board of Green Managers.

The Board of Green Managers shall have the sole charge of the green, subject to the jurisdiction of the Park Directors.

It shall establish and enforce such rules and regulations governing the use of the green which it may adopt, not inconsistent with the regulations of the Park Directors.

It shall be vested with the power to co-operate with the Park Directors in carrying out any measure for the betterment of the green; provided, however, that any proposed expenditure of club money for such purposes shall have been first authorized by a majority vote of the board members.

All claims against the club for the betterment of the green must be approved by the board before payment is made.

The green shall be considered closed on Sunday for use by members of this club.

No person shall be permitted to enter or play on the green who is not properly shod with footwear without heels; nor shall any inexperienced bowler be permitted to play on a rink unprotected by canvas mats.

The green managers shall have the custody of all properties belonging to the club stored in the clubhouse.

Playing on the green after it shall have been declared closed by the green managers is prohibited.

ARTICLE V.

Fees, Dues and Locker Rents.

An entrance fee of three (3) dollars shall accompany every application for membership.

Dues of Ordinary Members shall be fifty (50) cents per month, payable in advance.

Life membership fee shall be fifty (50) dollars.

Locker rent shall be two (2) dollars per annum, payable in advance.

A member six months in arrears shall be suspended and denied all club privileges.

Any member resigning must be paid-up to the date of his resignation or his resignation shall not be accepted.

An ex-member, unless under suspension, shall be eligible to re-election without the payment of the admission fee; but he must be proposed and balloted for in the regular order provided in these by-laws.

Special conditions may be adopted by a majority vote of members present at regular or called meetings for the retention in good standing of members long absent from the club, or otherwise unable to enjoy club privileges.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings.

Meetings shall be held quarterly on the first Wednesday in April, July, October and January.

On other occasions when required, meetings may be called by the President at his pleasure, or by five members in good standing signing a written call stating its object and posting the same on the clubhouse bulletin board at least two (2) weeks in advance.

Annual meetings for the receipt of official reports, election of officers and

standing committees, and the transaction of business shall be held on the first Wednesday in April, at 8 p. m.

Semi-annual meetings to receive the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, and the transaction of business, shall be held on the first Wednesday in October, at 8 p. m.

Special meetings called by five members in good standing shall be open for the transaction of such business only as is described in the call.

At any club meeting fifteen members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

At any board or committee meeting a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

Skips.

Nine skips shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote and for a term of twelve months.

They shall elect from their own number the necessary skips to play any match, and such skips shall organize the teams.

The club skips shall control all club tournaments, except where special authority is vested by these by-laws in the Board of Green Managers.

From the total list of entrants in any club tournament, the club skips shall figure out the number necessary to be drawn by lot for opponents in "singles" and partners in "doubles," and "byes" in either class to enter the contest after the first round, so

as to equalize the contestants in the semi-finals.

At all club skip meetings, five skips present shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote shall rule.

ARTICLE VIII.

Tournaments.

All propositions relating to club tournaments shall be submitted in regular form to the club at a regular or called meeting and adopted or rejected by a majority vote of members present.

Arrangements for such tournaments may be adopted by a majority vote at such meeting or referred to a special committee appointed for the purpose by the President. Such committee may report at that or any adjourned meeting for adoption, amendment or rejection by a majority vote of club members present.

All rules and regulations of tournaments, not in conflict with these by-laws, shall be framed by the club skips, subject, however, to approval by a majority vote at a regular or called meeting of the club.

In all handicap tournaments, the award of points shall be determined by a majority vote of the club skips. Such action shall be regarded as final. And the number of points allowed to handicapped contestants shall be placed on the scoreboard and score-card when each game in the tournament is started.

No player entering a tournament and duly drawn, and who has served on a team par-

ticipating therein which is defeated at any stage thereof, shall be qualified to re-enter as a substitute for any defaulting or disabled player originally drawn on any surviving team.

Any entrant to a tournament drawn on a team who voluntarily withdraws from the contest shall thereby be declared disqualified.

Any vacancy in a tournament team created by the voluntary default or disability of a member shall not, however, operate as a default of the team; but any member of the club who neglected to enter the lists at the opening of the tournament shall be again privileged to enter on the original terms of entrance and thereby qualify as a substitute for the defaulting or disqualified player.

ARTICLE IX.

Control of Tournaments on the Green.

In all tournaments played on the home green under the auspices of the club, the Board of Green Managers shall be in sole control. It shall be responsible for the condition of the green, and for the laying, lining, marking and equipment of the rinks.

The Board shall assign for each rink one of its own members, or appoint a competent substitute from the body of the club membership, to officiate as umpire and scorer, whose decision on any disputed point raised during the game shall be deemed final, save in the case of a protest being lodged against the participation of a player on the ground of disqualification.

In the event of a protest, the same shall be reduced to writing by the protestant, referred to the club skips for trial and settlement at a regular or called meeting of that body, which shall be set for a later date, two weeks' notice of which meeting shall be given to all parties concerned.

Wrangling over an umpire's decision on the green shall be strictly prohibited, and any violation of this rule shall be promptly visited by whatever penalty the Board of Green Managers shall deem proper to impose.

Profanity or any ungentlemanly utterance or conduct on the green by a player is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this rule shall be cause for a warning by the Board of Green Managers against a repetition. If the warning is disregarded, the Board of Green Managers shall be empowered to impose such penalty on the offending player as it may deem proper.

ARTICLE X.

When, in an inter-club tournament playable on a green outside of the jurisdiction of this club, in which Oakland Scottish Bowling Club members are entrants, but in which such entrants are "ties" in the "semi-finals" or in the "finals," the privilege shall be urged to play off the "tie" on the club's home green.

When, in an inter-club tournament playable on Lakeside Park green, the same situation shall happen to entrants of other clubs, the same privilege shall be conceded by this club to them.

ARTICLE XI.

Green Etiquette.

In all practice games on the home green, in which less than the regulation number of players are using a rink, no member in good standing shall be denied the right to be admitted to play.

Members of other Scottish bowling clubs, or persons interested in the sport, visiting the green, shall be invited to play on any rink used for ordinary practice by teams of less than the regulation number, and the courtesies of the club shall be extended to them.

This rule shall not apply, however, to any rink laid out expressly for special practice by tournament teams.

ARTICLE XII.

Miscellaneous.

No debt exceeding fifteen (15) dollars shall be contracted by any member, officer, board or committee in behalf of the club without being duly authorized by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or called meeting.

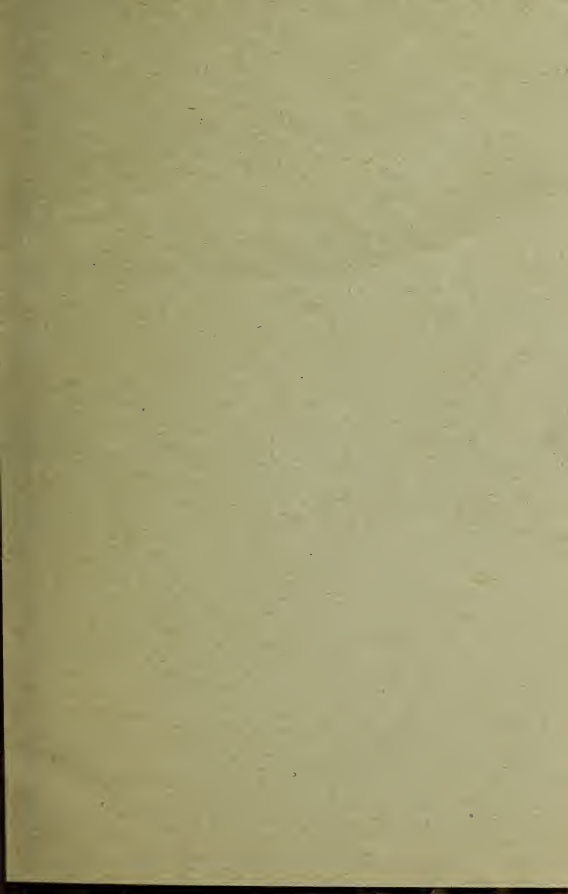
Should any dispute arise which is not provided for in these by-laws, it shall be referred to the club skips, whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE XIII.

Amendments to By-Laws.

Amendments to these by-laws shall be made by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members present at an annual meeting, and then only when a notice of a proposed amendment shall have been given to the Secretary in writing at least one month before the date of holding such annual meeting.

The text of such proposed amendment shall also be incorporated in the Secretary's notice of the annual meeting posted on the clubhouse bulletin board at least three weeks before the date on which the annual meeting is to be held.



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